

FAYETTE COUNTY STREET LIGHTING INFORMATION

The objective of the Fayette County Street Lighting Program is to illuminate the streets of participating subdivisions in accordance with standards of the American National Standard Practice for Roadway Lighting, 1973. **It is not the objective of this program to illuminate private property.**

There are two power companies serving Fayette County: Georgia Power Company and Coweta-Fayette EMC. Their rates vary slightly. The design will utilize existing poles as much as possible. Spacing between lights will vary from 350 feet to 500 feet, or approximately every other utility pole. Where there are underground utilities, the resident/developer will be responsible for the cost of the poles.

Property owners within a street light district will be billed annually on their County Tax Bill for the previous year's use of lights. Cost for street lighting shall be set by the Board of Commissioners in consultation with the Director of Utility Services. In all cases, the rates for a street light district shall be sufficient to cover the expenses and costs associated with the lights for that district. The charges shall be levied on a "per lot" basis.

In order for a Developer to have a proposed subdivision approved as a Streetlight District, the plat for such subdivision must be approved and made a part of the County's Official Tax Records.

Street Light Repair

The local electric service companies provide repair service to street lights. Please contact your power company to discuss any service problems you may have.

Coweta Fayette EMC 770-502-0226 or http://www.utility.org/ContactUs_EmailCustomerService.aspx

Georgia Power 1-888-660-5890 or
<https://customerservice.southerncompany.com/Outage/Streetlight.aspx>

Requirements for Approval of a Streetlight District

In order for a Streetlight District to be formed, the following steps are necessary:

1. Obtain Petition Forms. Forms may be downloaded from this website or you may obtain them from the Stormwater Management Office.

All property owners in the subdivision must be contacted and they must sign "Yes" or "No" concerning the installation of street lighting and billing by Fayette County upon their tax bills. Only the property owner's signature will be accepted. If both husband and wife are joint legal owners, both signatures will be required - a "Mr. & Mrs." signature is not acceptable. Each owner must sign individually. In the event that a property owner cannot be personally contacted, the receipt from a registered letter will be accepted. No signature may be withdrawn from the Petition after it is filed with the County Stormwater Management's Office. The purpose of the witness' signature is to verify the property owner's signature, if in question. Percentages will be calculated based on individual lots whose owners sign affirmatively, divided by the total number of platted lots in the district.

2. The petition must contain not less than ten (10) property owners representing not less than sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66-2/3%) affirmative signatures of the property owners within the district to be established. A petition may however, be brought by less than ten (10) property owners where such represents one hundred percent (100%) affirmative signatures of the property owners within the district to be established.
3. The completed Petition is returned to Stormwater Management where it is checked to ensure requirement compliance. It will be returned to the sender if it does not meet such requirements of a 66-2/3% affirmative vote. Petitions meeting requirements will be presented to the Board of Commissioners at an official Bi-Monthly Meeting for approval or disapproval.